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1. Bodorfa. A Soviet ammunition depot has existed at Bodorfa since the fall of 1949. An area about 400 by 200 meters in size has been cleared in the forest about 2.5 kilometers north of the highway. In this clearing are excavations about 30 meters long, 10 meters wide and 3 meters deep, hidden behind fences and covered with sod. They are filled with ammunition.
2. Not far from the above ammunition depot is a barracks camp covering a space of about 600 by 700 meters. Belts of trees have been left as camouflage between the separate wooden barracks buildings. There is a vehicle parking place about in the center of the camp. The fuel depot is in the southern part of the forest. This camp was occupied first by the guard for the ammunition depot. Since the spring of 1950 a Soviet armored unit of 500 to 600 men has been permanently stationed here. The soldiers wear red-bordered black shoulder boards with a small metal tank emblem. There are 50 armored vehicles, including a few T-34 tanks. The rest are jeep-like armored cars having a machine gun with a universal mount installed on the armored top. They stand in the forest directly alongside the camp. The unit also has an unknown number of Stalin "organs". This unit is the core of a Soviet armored division whose other parts are scattered through West Hungary.
3. Entering the forest and approaching the camp is prohibited. Vehicles on the highway must pass the camp without stopping. The camp is guarded in the daytime by standing posts and at night by patrols as well. Anyone unknown approaching the prohibited zone is shot without warning. Transport of ammunition and departure and return of units is conducted only at night. In the daytime the camp is completely quiet.

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4. Mosonmagyaróvár. The old barracks at Mosonmagyaróvár were fixed up in October 1950 and occupied by a motorized Soviet artillery force with 50 guns having barrels about two meters long. They go in the direction of Hegyeshalom for firing practice. The vehicle park (about 150 in all) consists of jeep-like personnel carriers and cargo trucks of the Studebaker type.
5. ^{21 October 1951} The former infantry barracks on Leveli Street in Mosonmagyaróvár were already occupied by Soviet troops in 1945. They were formerly used as stopover quarters for travel between Austria and the Soviet Union. In 1950 about 20 additional buildings were erected and the barracks were occupied by Soviet armored troops. Their current strength is about 5,000 men. Fifty or 60 tanks are parked in the courtyard of the new barracks.
6. Soviet engineers to the number of about 1,000 men have been stationed since the summer of 1950 in the engineer barracks at Mosonmagyaróvár. This unit is equipped with about 50 motorized pontoons capable of transporting 35 or 40 men.
7. Veszprém. The new Veszprém Barracks were to have been occupied upon completion in August 1951 by a Hungarian unit which had been living in a tent camp for a long time. Instead, the barracks were occupied unexpectedly by a Soviet engineer force of about 3,000 men. The Hungarian troops are still in the tent camp except a small portion transferred to other places.
8. Győr. The former "Jager" Barracks in the Voros Hadsereg Utea (Street of the Red Army) at Győr are occupied by a Soviet armored battalion attached to the armored force at Hajmáskér. The battalion at Győr has 16 heavy tanks and two training tanks. The present commander is Colonel Karitonov. A Soviet motorized battalion and a Soviet infantry battalion are stationed in the former artillery barracks at Győr.
9. Papá Airfield. Hungarian air force personnel will be trained at the Papá Airfield. The field is under Soviet command, is occupied by Soviet flying units, and is guarded by Soviet ground personnel. It is surrounded by a barbed wire entanglement and can be entered only after strict examination. There are about 150 one-engined fighter and about 25 training planes (biplane) at the field, all with Soviet insignia.
10. A Soviet paratrooper unit of about 500 men is stationed at Szeged. There is a Soviet armored force with about 50 heavy tanks at Nagykőrös. Two armored battalions are stationed at Cegléd: one in the former infantry barracks and the other in the barracks in Huszar Street. There are three Soviet artillery battalions in the neighborhood of Lajosmizse.

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